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CURIOSITY! LOOK
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THE FAMILY **FREAK!**

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FREAK!



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THERE ARE CERTAIN FACTS IN SYLVIA BREWSTER'S STORY THAT ARE KNOWN TO BE TRUE... THAT SHE DID GO OUT WITH **DOCTOR TONY AUSTIN** THAT FATEFUL EVENING OF MARCH 17TH, 1951-- THAT DOCTOR AUSTIN **DID** HAVE ONE FINAL CALL TO MAKE AFTER HE CALLED FOR SYLVIA...

YOU DON'T MIND, SYLVIA?
--ONE LAST PATIENT
TO VISIT-- AND THE
EVENING WILL
BE OURS!

WHY **SHOULD** I
MIND, TONY? IT'S
A LOVELY RIDE
OUT INTO THE
COUNTRY!

I'M AFRAID THIS ISN'T THE TYPE
OF COUNTRY YOU'D ENJOY, SYLVIA...
IT'S A RATHER DESOLATE PLACE...

BRRR-- IT **MIGHT**
BE CHARMING IN THE
DAYLIGHT... BUT--
WELL, I JUST CAN'T
UNDERSTAND WHY
ANYONE WOULD WANT
TO LIVE IN SUCH
A LOVELY SECTION--



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THERE ARE REASONS, SYLVIA... FOLKS HAVE THEIR REASONS!

IT WAS 10:00 P.M. WHEN DOCTOR AUSTIN'S CAR PULLED UP TO THE WEATHER-BEATEN FRAME HOUSE STANDING GRIM AND ALONE IN A SEA OF WEEDS AND MARSHES. THE GIRL DREW HER COAT TIGHTLY ABOUT HER AS IF TO PROTECT HERSELF FROM AN INVISIBLE WIND WHICH BLEW THROUGH THE WARM, HUMID NIGHT...

SYLVIA—I HATE TO ASK YOU TO WAIT OUTSIDE, BUT—

NO! NO, TONY, LET ME COME IN WITH YOU—I'M FRIGHTENED—



I WON'T STAY OUT HERE ALONE—THAT'S FINAL!

I WAS A FOOL TO BRING YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE! COME ALONG—



THAT YOU, DOCTOR? WE DIDN'T THINK YOU'D MAKE IT TONIGHT— LOOKS LIKE A STORM'S BREWING!

COME IN, SYLVIA. I'LL TRY NOT TO BE LONG!



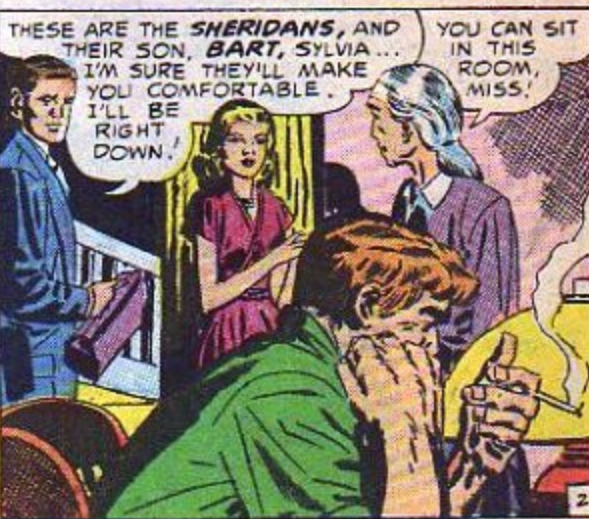
HOW IS HE?

HE'S QUIET NOW—YOU'D BETTER GO UP AND GET IT OVER WITH—



THESE ARE THE SHERIDANS, AND THEIR SON, BART, SYLVIA... I'M SURE THEY'LL MAKE YOU COMFORTABLE. I'LL BE RIGHT DOWN!

YOU CAN SIT IN THIS ROOM, MISS!



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SYLVIA BREWSTER'S RECOLLECTION OF THE EVENTS THAT FOLLOWED INCLUDE LITTLE CONVERSATION... IN THE DIM LIGHT OF A KEROSENE LAMP SHE SAT RIGID AND FRIGHTENED, A CRINGING TARGET FOR THE COLD, STARING EYES OF THE STRANGERS ABOUT HER...

I-IT'S A NASTY NIGHT OUT-- ISN'T IT--



W-WHY, NO! AS A MATTER OF FACT THE DOCTOR DIDN'T EVEN WANT ME TO COME INSIDE THE HOUSE! -- IS-- IS IT SOMETHING CONTAGIOUS?

HMPH--



IS HE VERY SICK? -- THE PATIENT, I MEAN--

WHO TOLD YOU ABOUT HIM!-- DID DOC AUSTIN SAY ANYTHING--?



I SHOULD BE UP THERE WITH HIM!-- HE'D WANT ME THERE-- I KNOW--

THE DOCTOR HANDLES HIM RIGHT WELL, MA... DON'T YOU FRET!



FOR PITY'S SAKE, STOP IT! BOTH OF YOU! WHY DO YOU COODLE AND COO OVER THAT WRETCHED THING AS IF IT WERE A NEWBORN BABY! SOME-TIMES I WISH--

BART!



CAN'T YOU SEE WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO YOUR MOTHER?



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THE MEN STOOD GLARING AT EACH OTHER, WHILE THE WOMAN SLUMPED IN HER CHAIR, WRINGING HER HANDS IN ANGUISH--SYLVIA BREWSTER HELD HER BREATH, FEARFUL, LEST HER SLIGHTEST MOTION IGNITE THE TENSION OF THAT AWFUL MOMENT OF SILENCE.



WHAT'S HAPPENING UP THERE?
TONY--TONY!

GET HOLD OF YOURSELF, GIRL! I--IT'S NONE OF YOUR AFFAIR!



HE'S YOUR OWN BROTHER, BART! YOUR OWN FLESH AND BLOOD!

THAT'S WHAT'S BEEN EATING AWAY AT MY INSIDES FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS! -- KNOWING THAT -- THING IS MY BROTHER!



AT TEN-FORTY-FIVE P.M., THE STORM REACHED ITS MOST FURIOUS PITCH... BUT THE RAGING ELEMENTS WERE DWAFFED BY THE HORROR THAT STRUCK THE EARS OF THE UNWELCOME VISITOR IN THE SHERIDAN HOUSE THAT NIGHT! AS IF INSPIRED BY THE BLACK CHAOS OUTSIDE, A SERIES OF AGONIZED, UNEARTHLY SCREAMS SHOOK THE WALLS OF THE HOUSE!



BY ALL THAT'S GOOD -- I'VE HAD MY FILL OF THIS!

-- LISTENING TO THE SICKENING SOUNDS HE MAKES IN THAT ROOM OF HIS -- TO THE HOWLS AND SCREAMS -- I SAY THERE'S GOT TO BE AN END TO IT NOW!



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DOCTOR!

HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT NOW-- I GAVE HIM A SEDATIVE --



OH, TONY! I WAS PRAYING FOR YOU TO COME DOWN! TONY-- TAKE ME OUT OF HERE -- PLEASE --

CALM YOURSELF, SYLVIA. WE'RE LEAVING--

I DON'T THINK THAT WOULD BE WISE, DOCTOR --



YOU MEAN -- THE **STORM?**

YES! THE ROAD IS WASHED OUT -- YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY OVER UNTIL MORNING --

COME WITH ME, DEAR... WE HAVE A SPARE ROOM WHERE YOU'LL BE COMFORTABLE! PLEASE, MISS... NO HARM WILL COME TO YOU...

WE HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE, SYLVIA -- I'LL SLEEP DOWN HERE, ON THE SOFA.



SYLVIA BREWSTER WAS SHOWN TO A SMALL, SPARSELY FURNISHED BEDROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE ANCIENT HOUSE. SHE TRIED TO SLEEP, BUT ONLY SUCCEEDED IN DOZING OFF FITFULLY -- LIGHTLY --

IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING, SYLVIA WAS AWAKENED BY A STRANGE, MUFFLED SOBBING DIRECTLY ABOVE HER. SHE REACHED FOR A DRESSING GOWN ...

IT--IT'S PITIFUL! ALMOST LIKE A CHILD CRYING FOR ITS MOTHER! I-- I'VE GOT TO SEE WHAT'S UP THERE!



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I-I CAN'T SEE ANY-
THING IN THIS DARKNESS!
-- WHERE ARE YOU?
CAN YOU SPEAK
TO ME?

SYLVIA GROPEd HER WAY ALONG THE DARKENED
CORRIDOR -- TOWARD THE SOURCE OF THE
STRANGE SOUNDS. HER FOOT FOUND THE STEPS
LEADING TO THE ATTIC -- THEN THE SMALL
LADDER -- THEN THE TRAP DOOR ABOVE IT...



AT THIS POINT, SYLVIA BREWSTER'S
TESTIMONY BECOMES VAGUE AND DISCONNECTED...
SHE DESCRIBES A SUDDEN SCUFFING SOUND -- A
COARSE BONY HAND GRASPING FRANTICALLY
AT HER ANKLES -- AND THEN SHE SCREAMED!

HELP!
HELP
ME!



A MOMENT LATER, THE LIGHT OF A LANTERN PIERCED THE
TERRIBLE DARKNESS -- ILLUMINATING THE ATTIC ROOM IN
ITS FULL INDESCRIBABLE HORROR!

THERE HE IS, SISTER! YOU
WANTED TO SEE HIM. HOW
DO YOU LIKE HIM --

OH!



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SYLVIA BREWSTER REMEMBERS NOTHING FURTHER OF THAT NIGHT IN THE HOUSE OF HORROR -- WEEKS LATER, SHE REPORTED HER STRANGE TALE. THE AUTHORITIES LISTENED WITH DOUBT AND EMBARRASSMENT!

I TELL YOU IT HAPPENED, INSPECTOR! EXACTLY AS I DESCRIBED IT!

I'VE CHECKED THE COUNTY BIRTH RECORDS, MISS --

THERE'S NO MENTION OF A SECOND SON EVER BEING BORN TO THE SHERIDANS! WHAT HAVE YOU TO SAY, DOCTOR?

MISTER AND MRS. SHERIDAN ARE STILL ALIVE -- I MUST STAND ON MY PROFESSIONAL RIGHTS NOT TO DIVULGE THE CONFIDENCES OF MY PATIENTS!

HERE'S PROOF THAT SPEAKS THE TRUTH! THE CHAIN AND COLLAR THAT HELD THE FREAK!

IT COULD HAVE BEEN USED FOR -- A DOG!

YES, THAT'S EXACTLY HOW HE WAS KEPT -- POOR CREATURE! I TELL YOU I SAW HIM! WITH MY OWN TWO EYES! WON'T YOU BELIEVE ME?

SORRY, MISS, FOR LACK OF SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE, WE'LL HAVE TO CALL THIS CASE -- CLOSED.

THE CHARRED SKELETON OF THE HOUSE IN THE MARSH STILL STANDS ON THE BLEAK AND LONELY COUNTRYSIDE THAT ONCE ECHOED TO THE UNEARTHLY SHRIEKS OF THE THING IN THE ATTIC... BEAST OR HUMAN -- OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH -- NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW FOR CERTAIN. PERHAPS IT IS BETTER THAT WAY!

THE END

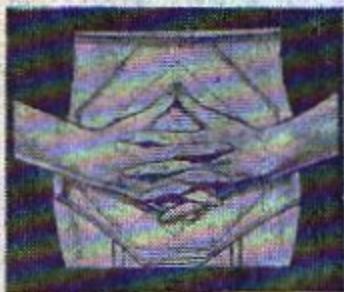


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THERE IS ONE TO WATCH OVER EVERY MAN. WHAT SHAPE IT TAKES IS HARD TO DETERMINE.. BUT, IT IS THERE WHEN WE NEED IT! JERRY FOUND THAT OUT WHEN HE WAS FORCED INTO A TIGHT CORNER-AND SHOWN THE ONLY WAY OUT--BY HIS

Guardian Angel!



THE STORY HAS BEEN TOLD IN THE NEWSPAPERS SO MANY TIMES. NO ONE BELIEVES IT OF COURSE! A KILLER, A CHEAP HOODLUM-- CORNERED IN A TENEMENT, IS HARDLY LIKELY TO HAVE AN ANGEL FOR A COMPANION AND YET-- THERE WAS THE STORY--



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WHY, I'VE BEEN WITH YOU ALL THE TIME, WHEN THAT POLICEMAN ON THE CORNER RECOGNIZED YOU... WHEN YOU RAN IN HERE... I'M YOUR **GUARDIAN ANGEL, JERRY!**

YOU'RE MY **WHAT?**

"YOU MAY CALL ME **JOHN,**" THE STRANGER PURRED... "IT'S AS GOOD A NAME AS ANY!" THE WAY JERRY YOUNG TOLD IT AFTERWARD, THE MAN WAS JUST... A MAN! NOTHING SPECIAL!

YOUR **GUARDIAN ANGEL, JERRY!** EVERY HUMAN BEING HAS ONE, YOU KNOW! SO YOU STILL WANT TO KEEP RUNNING, DO YOU? WELL... HAVE YOU NOTICED... **THIS?**

A DUMB-WATER! NO! I DIDN'T SEE IT! I... YOU MEAN... I CAN TRY TO GET OUT THROUGH THE CELLAR! SURE! AND GET **SHOT!** THEY'LL BE WAITING FOR ME!

NO, JERRY! THEY WON'T... BELIEVE ME! THERE'S A CAR ON THE NEXT BLOCK... WITH THE KEYS IN THE IGNITION! A RED AND BLACK CONVERTIBLE! YOU CAN GET TO IT... IF YOU TAKE THIS REAR CELLAR ENTRANCE!

THERE WAS MORE OF COURSE! UNTIL JERRY YOUNG WAS QUITE CONVINCED THAT HE WAS DEALING WITH A MADMAN... OR A POLICE SPY! BUT HE HAD **LITTLE** TO LOSE...

NOW DON'T WASTE TIME, JERRY!

OKAY! I'LL TRY IT! BUT, I'LL **PAY YOU OFF FIRST...** JUST IN CASE YOU'RE SENDING ME INTO A TRAP!

GUARDIAN ANGEL! HAH! **DEAD STOOLIE** IS MORE LIKE IT! FUNNY... I DON'T SEE ANY COPS...

HERE, JERRY! ...TO YOUR LEFT!



A-A-A-A! I... I JUST SHOT YOU... PUT TWO BULLETS IN YOUR HIDE...

QUIET, JERRY! WE WON'T MANAGE THIS... IF YOU SHOUT!

TREMBLING, SHAKEN TO THE CORE OF HIS BEING, JERRY YOUNG TOOK THAT OFFERED HAND...

THE MAN WHO OWNED THIS CAR **DIED** AN HOUR AGO, JERRY... OF A HEART ATTACK! IT WILL BE TWO DAYS BEFORE THE CAR IS REPORTED MISSING! FOLLOW ROUTE 42... OUT OF THE CITY!

HOLD ON! BEFORE I GO... YOU'VE GOT TO ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS!



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JERRY YOUNG DROVE ALL THAT DAY AND THE NEXT! THEN, HE ABANDONED THE CAR! BY THEN, EVEN HE DIDN'T BELIEVE IT ALL! IT HAD BEEN SOME SORT OF DREAM! IN A WEEK HE WAS A THOUSAND MILES AWAY AND HUNGRY!

THERE MUST BE PLENTY OF FOOD IN THERE! AND NOBODY AROUND BUT A WOMAN! I'LL MAKE HER RUSTLE UP SOME GRUB... AND MOVE ON...



I'M CAROL JENSEN! I LIVE HERE! AND THAT'S MY MOMMY! WE'RE AWFUL LONESOME! WOULD YOU LIKE TO STAY WITH US?

UH... WELL...



CAROL? WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO? OH! WILL YOU STATE YOUR BUSINESS, PLEASE?

I WAS GOING BY ON THE ROAD... AND I SMELLED COOKING!



AFTERWARD, JERRY YOUNG WAS TO INSIST THAT IT WAS AS IF SOMEONE STOOD AT HIS SHOULDER... WHISPERING TO HIM THE WORDS HE MUST SAY! AND THEY WERE THE RIGHT WORDS!

GEE, MOMMY! I LIKE HIM! HE'S NICE!

AT LEAST HE'S WILLING TO WORK FOR A MEAL! THAT'S MORE THAN YOU CAN SAY FOR MOST OF THE TRAMPS WHO COME BY!



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IT JUST...HAPPENED... THAT JERRY YOUNG STAYED ON FOR WEEKS, DOING ODD JOBS, SLEEPING IN THE LITTLE ROOM OVER THE BARN...

SHE WAS A FINE WOMAN! NOT THE KIND JERRY HAD ALWAYS KNOWN! HE DREW HER TO HIM AND KISSED HER!

I... I'M SORRY! HOPE YOU'RE NOT OFFENDED!

IT WAS JUST THE MOON-LIGHT, JERRY!



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YOU'LL ONLY BE CAPTURED HERE... AND LATER PUT TO DEATH! ARE YOU **READY** FOR DEATH?

CUT THAT KIND OF TALK! NOBODY'S GONNA PUT ME TO DEATH... NOT WHILE I CAN STILL PULL A TRIGGER! I'M LEAVING RIGHT NOW... WITHOUT SAYING GOOD-BYE TO CAROL... AND... **HER...**



JERRY YOUNG RETURNED TO THE CITY FROM WHICH HE HAD FLED! IT WAS STILL BIG ENOUGH IN WHICH TO HIDE! JERRY SHOULDN'T HAVE FIGURED IT THAT WAY! THE LAW HAD SHARP EYES!

YOU! WAIT A MINUTE! I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!

THIS CORNER... THIS IS JUST WHERE I WAS SPOTTED LAST TIME! AND, BY THAT **SAME** COP/OF ALL THE **ROTTEN** BREAKS!



THAT TENEMENT... THAT'S THE ONE WHERE I HOLED UP LAST TIME! IF I CAN GET TO THAT **SAME** APARTMENT... I CAN GO DOWN THE DUMB-WAITER AGAIN!

STOP!



UNBELIEVABLY, JERRY YOUNG MANAGED TO REACH THAT SAME APARTMENT! AND, UNBELIEVABLY, IT WAS STILL UNOCCUPIED! IT WAS EXACTLY AS HE LEFT IT! EXCEPT, FOR **ONE** THING!

JOHN! I WAS HOPING YOU'D COME! THE DUMB-WAITER! IT WAS HERE! RIGHT HERE! **BUT I CAN'T FIND IT!**

STILL RUNNING, EH, JERRY?



SURE, I'M RUNNING! I WANT TO GET OUT OF HERE! IF THE COPS GET ME... I'LL BURN! DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?

MORE THAN YOU REALIZE, MY BOY! DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TIME TO SETTLE YOUR DEBTS... AND FACE ETERNITY LIKE A **MAN?**



WHAT KIND OF ADVICE IS THAT FROM A GUARDIAN ANGEL? ISN'T IT YOUR JOB TO **PROTECT** ME? ANSWER ME!

I HAVE NO JURISDICTION OVER YOUR BODY, JERRY! IT'S MERE FLESH! IT MUST INEVITABLY **PERISH**! NEITHER OF US CAN STOP THAT!



I **TRIED** THOUGH! I TOOK LIBERTIES... AND LED YOU FOR ONE BRIEF MOMENT TO THE SCENE OF THE LIFE YOU COULD HAVE HAD... TO A WOMAN AND CHILD... WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN YOUR OWN...



I WOULDN'T LET HIM DIE

MY brother Bob and I were no closer than most brothers when we were in grade school, but during our last years in high school we seemed to grow together more and more spiritually as well as physically. Although there was a year between us, both of us reached the six foot level at the same time and both of us weighed in at 180. We were on the football team together and people frequently spoke of us as twins, although he was fair while I am dark.



After graduation, I decided to work for my Dad in his garage and wait for Bob so we could go to college together. It was a good idea, but Bob graduated in June, 1942.

We enlisted in the Marines together and our first disappointment came when we were assigned to different training schools. My experience as a mechanic was the first real difference between us.

We did maneuver our first leave together, and Mother was brave and smiling, although belligerent. "Admiral Stevens is my second cousin," she said. "I'll write him immediately and get you boys into the same outfit."

"It doesn't seem fair that Bill should have waited for Bob and missed him like this," my Dad said. But Bob and I only smiled at one another and nixed the idea. We had a feeling things would work out—without any parental influence.

It did. Bob was through at San Diego the same time I finished at San Francisco and we weren't surprised at all to find we'd been assigned to the same outfit. It had to happen that way; they just couldn't separate us!

Everything went along fine as could be under the circumstances until that day when we arrived at Okinawa. We'd been waiting for two weeks, not knowing for sure what part we were to play. Then, suddenly, we moved in.

Bob was in the initial wave: I was to follow in the second. But somebody's wires got crossed. We knew it as soon as they went ashore: not only had we been apprehended, but the Japs were waiting for us. The entire shore line was trapped with mines and my party was immediately cancelled. Even now, I can remember the hideous, helpless feeling I had, watching Bob literally fall apart before my eyes.

I guess I went crazy for a while. I remember trying to force my way through water after him. Then someone hit me and when I was conscious I was in a berth at ship's hospital and we were far in the Pacific again.

Something happened to me, I don't know what, but I refused to believe Bob was dead. Call it a guilt complex because he was my baby brother, call it shell shock, call it whatever you will but I could not force myself to realize I had seen Bob die.

Complete blackness engulfed my mind whenever Bob entered it. I refused to think about it. When I wrote home, I mentioned Bob as casually as if he were standing beside me. And the funny thing about it was, I believed it myself.

We tried the landing again at another point and were successful. This time I insisted on being in the first wave, figuring, I guess, that I'd be blown up, too. I wasn't, but I was injured and sent home for a rest.

My folks had moved to a town about a hundred miles away from our previous home. And it was when my Dad met me at the station, I realized I would have to accept the truth. They'd received the War Department's official notice that Bob had been killed in action.

I felt sick when I met Mother's eyes. I wanted to tell her it wasn't true, yet no words would come. Finally, in desperation I signalled my Dad with an excuse. I hadn't been home ten minutes, yet I had to get away.

We walked down the main street of the little town and I tried to put my feelings into words. It was hard, especially with Dad looking at me as if I didn't deserve to be loose on leave. And yet, telling it all over, I felt more strongly than ever, that Bob was alive.

Suddenly, just ahead of us, I saw the deliberate familiar shuffle that meant one thing—Bob. "Dad," I cried, "It's Bob!" My Dad put out a restraining hand. But Bob, for it was he, had heard my cry and turned to face us!

"Hi, fella," he said, shaking my hand, tears of happiness running down both our faces, "I knew you'd be home on leave!" He embraced my father, "You sure make it tough for a guy to find you," he complained, "I didn't have your street address."

Bob explained that he'd been taken prisoner and finally had managed to escape. But neither of us could explain the feeling I had—for even when I'd seen it, I'd refused to let him die.

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WAS IT JUST A HALLOWEEN PRANK? ONE COULDN'T BE SURE -- WHEN HE HEARD THE...

HOOF BEATS OF THE DEVIL'S HORSE

IN THE TOWN OF MILFORD-- HALLOWEEN -- 1947...



BLACK MAGIC

AW, YOU **KNOW** IT'S ONLY ME, GRANDPA! WHY PRETEND ANY MORE? THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN MAY HAVE BEEN A GREAT GHOST GIMMICK YEARS AGO... BUT, TODAY, IT ISN'T EVEN A GOOD KID GAME!



I **SEE!** YOU YOUNG SMART ALECKS HAVE IT ALL FIGURED OUT, HAVEN'T YOU? SO GHOSTS ARE TAME STUFF TO YOU...

WELL, THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS YOU MUST LEARN YOUNG MAN! THIS STORY I'M GOING TO TELL SHOULD BE ONE OF THEM!



IT WAS THE DAY BEFORE HALLOWEEN IN FARNSWORTH'S ICE CREAM PARLOR ON MAIN STREET... SOME FORTY YEARS AGO! CLEO FIELDS, BEN CRAIG, AND I, LIKE THREE SINISTER PLOTTERS SAT EAGERLY CONTRIVING A SCHEME THAT WOULD OUTSHINE ANY OTHER HALLOWEEN PRANK EVER CONCEIVED IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

WELL WHAT'LL IT BE, MASTER MINDS... DO WE PUT MISTER KELLY'S HAY WAGON ON TOP OF HIS BARN AGAIN?

OLD STUFF! THIS PRANK MUST HAVE THE TRUE HALLOWEEN SPIRIT! THIS HAS TO BE A REAL SCARY ONE!

SAY! DO EITHER OF YOU... REMEMBER THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW?



GREAT! WHICH ONE OF YOU PLAYS THE HEADLESS HESSIAN HORSEMAN...

SHHHH... SOMEONE WILL OVER-HEAR US IN THIS PLACE!

TELL YOU WHAT! SUPPOSE WE MEET AT KELLY'S BARN IN **TWENTY MINUTES**... AND GET THIS STUNT ON ITS WAY!



I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT AFTER-NOON AND NEITHER WILL CLEO! POOR GIRL! WHEN SHE CAME TO THE BARN DOOR LATER, HER EYES ALMOST POPPED OUT OF HER HEAD!

FRED! BEN, WHERE ARE... **OOHH-H... HELP!**



GREAT SCOTT! KEEP QUIET, CLEO... OR YOU'LL DRAW THE WHOLE TOWN TO THIS SPOT AND SPOIL THE GAG!

BLACK MAGIC

A MOMENT LATER, COLD STILL FRIGHTENED AND BADLY SHAKEN, CLEO HELPED US CARRY OUT OUR CONSPIRACY! A RENTED COSTUME, AND A BORROWED HORSE WERE ALL WE NEEDED TO BRING THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN BACK TO MILFORD...

BETTER HIDE THAT RIG, FRED, BEFORE SOMEONE COMES IN AND DISCOVERS OUR PLOT! I KNOW IT WILL WORK, CLEO! FOLKS IN THIS TOWN ARE PRETTY SUPERSTITIOUS! THIS SHENANIGAN WILL STAND THEM ON THEIR HEADS!

THIS COULD THROW THE TOWN INTO A PANIC AND FOLKS MIGHT GET HURT! I DON'T THINK ANYONE WOULD CARE FOR THAT KIND OF HUMOR EVEN ON HALLOWEEN!

NONSENSE! WE'LL CATCH THE MIDNIGHT CROWD COMING FROM THAT DANCE ON MAIN STREET. CAN'T YOU JUST HEAR THE SCREAMS WHEN THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN TEARS PAST THEM...

OH, IT WAS A GREAT STUNT, PETER! I KNEW IT WOULD WORK! IN THAT COSTUME AND SCARLET CLOAK I LOOKED LIKE THE DEAD HESSIAN HIMSELF! THAT EVENING EVERYONE IN TOWN GATHERED AT THE TOWN AUDITORIUM AND THE DANCE BEGAN. AH, PETER, IT WAS A WONDERFUL PARTY!

WHAT A CROWD! EVERYONE IN TOWN MUST BE HERE!

I CAN'T WAIT FOR MIDNIGHT! THE FUN REALLY STARTS AFTER THE DANCE IS OVER!

THERE'S OLD MAN SEELEY! THE KIDS HAVE HIM CORNERED! THEY WON'T LET HIM GO UNTIL HE TELLS 'EM A HALLOWEEN STORY!

'GOOD OLD POP SEELEY, HE WAS ALMOST A LEGEND HIMSELF, PETER! THE OLD MAN WAS THE TOWN'S OLDEST AND BEST LOVED RESIDENT. PETER, YOU WOULD HAVE LIKED HIM! HE COULD REALLY TELL A STORY!

PLEASE, MISTER SEELEY! TELL US A STORY ABOUT HALLOWEEN!

TELL US THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW! MY DAD SAYS YOU CAN TELL IT BETTER THAN ANYONE IN TOWN!

JUST THIS, SIR...

ALL RIGHT! I'M TRAPPED! REMEMBER JUST ONE STORY! WELL, AS I RECALL, THE STORY ABOUT THAT STUBBORN HESSIAN SOLDIER BEGAN DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION!

TEN MINUTES BEFORE MIDNIGHT I QUIETLY LEFT THE PARTY. BEN AND CLEO MET ME ON THE STREET A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

HURRY FRED, YOU HAVEN'T MUCH TIME!

I HOPE NOTHING GOES WRONG! I'M SO EXCITED! THE ENTIRE TOWN WILL STAY BEHIND LOCKED DOORS FOR WEEKS WHEN THIS IS OVER!

IT ALL DEPENDS ON HOW WELL WE CARRY IT OFF!



AFTER THE HORSEMAN VANISHED IN THE NIGHT THE SMELL OF BRIMSTONE LINGERED IN THE AIR FOR DAYS... THERE WASN'T A PERSON IN TOWN WHO EVER REALLY GOT OVER HIS FRIGHT!

HA/HA/HA! THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN PRETTY MAD IF THEY'D KNOWN IT WAS YOU ALL TIME!

HA, HA, YOURSELF! I WAS THE MOST FRIGHTENED ONE OF ALL! I STILL AM!



BUT WHY, GRAMPS, YOU KNEW IT WAS ALL A GAG! YOU THOUGHT OF IT!

YES, BUT I NEVER CARRIED IT OUT! MY HORSE THREW A SHOE ON THE WAY TO TOWN... I WAS WALKING HIM ALONG THE ROAD... WHEN I HEARD THE RISING SOUND THAT ROLLED BY ME LATER LIKE A FIERY BLAST... THE DEVIL'S HOOF BEATS!



WELL, PETER... THE HORSEMAN RODE THAT EERIE NIGHT! THE HOOF BEATS OF HIS HORSE WAS THE DEVIL'S TATTOO IN THE DARKNESS... AND HE BURST INTO THE LIGHT OF MAIN STREET LIKE AN EVIL CLAP OF THUNDER... THROWING FIERY HOOF SPARKS INTO THE SCATTERING, SHRIEKING CROWD...



RUN! RUN! IT'S THE GHOST OF THAT HEADLESS HESSIAN!

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WARNING



ROY Bonds woke slowly to realize that he was lying in a pool of his own perspiration. His whole body was soaked and he was aware of a stifling heat that smothered him so he could hardly breathe.

Staggering to the window, he threw it open. A light snow fell outside, the first snow of the season. A cold blast of wind hit him, but did not cool his body. He stood, breathing laboriously, letting the cold wind dry the sweat on his body, but the heat from within continued to roll over him like blankets of fire.

This was no ordinary fever. He felt fine, except for the intense heat. What was it? He walked over to the steam radiator; it was cold.

Just then a knock came at the door; he threw on a robe and answered it. It was Mrs. Anderson, his landlady, with two blankets. "The furnace is on the bum," she said, "you'll need these two blankets before morning. I've got a man coming to look at it tomorrow."

He thanked her absently and took the blankets. Couldn't she see he was burning up? Blankets! Suddenly he wished he'd said something to the woman, for he could not understand this thing. He was not easily frightened—apparently he had not looked sick. What was it then that left his mind clear even as it drained every ounce of water from his heavy body?

He looked at the clock. He had been in bed only two hours. It seemed like a week. What had he been doing in bed so early? Of course! He was going back to the Refinery tonight. Every available man had been alerted to help find the gas leak. Gas had been gathering fast when he left. If they didn't find it soon there would be an explosion—a bad one.

What time was he supposed to report? Midnight? Ah, but he couldn't go, feeling like this. The boys had probably found the leak, anyway. Surely there would have been an explosion by this time if they hadn't.

The night was ten years long. He rolled, he

tossed, he walked the floor, he smoked heavily, but he could not sleep. And always the heat, the smothering heat. By daylight he was completely drained of strength, but he managed to make it to the telephone, to report in that he was ill and would not appear for work.

He forgot to ask about the gas leak, but he didn't have to ask. Back in his room the heat suddenly left his body and he felt normal in every respect except for the tiredness. He was just crawling into bed, knowing that now he could sleep, when the explosion came.

Once again he ran to the window and threw it open. The concussion still rocked houses, shattered windows. He could see wood, steel and twisted debris floating weirdly in the air. Great belching oil smoke screened and distorted the broken bodies borne high by the blast. Not wanting to think, Roy threw on his clothes and ran from the house. He was thankful that the sickness had passed, that the anxiety of the night before had been changed into action. He hoped he could be of some use.

He scurried through the gates and was two blocks from the scene of the explosion when, as it had left, the heat struck his body again. Sweat broke out and before he could take a dozen steps, his clothing was soaked. The intense, suffocating blinding warmth defied him to move!

This time Roy knew what it was. He recognized it as a warning. It had happened the night before so that he would not report for work. It was happening now so that he would stay away from the scene of another explosion. In his mind he had been able to see the gas storage tank in the vicinity of the fire. It was inevitable that it should explode next.

Roy was able to turn toward the street. He was aware of many people, of shouting, of sirens and fire engines coming from all sides. But his fear now was greater than the heat. Blindly, hysterically, he began to run, faster and faster away from danger. He could not help himself.

He could not help himself, either, as the big fire truck speeded toward him, roaring wildly. There was a screech of brakes and a terrifying scream just before the truck tore Roy's body to shreds.

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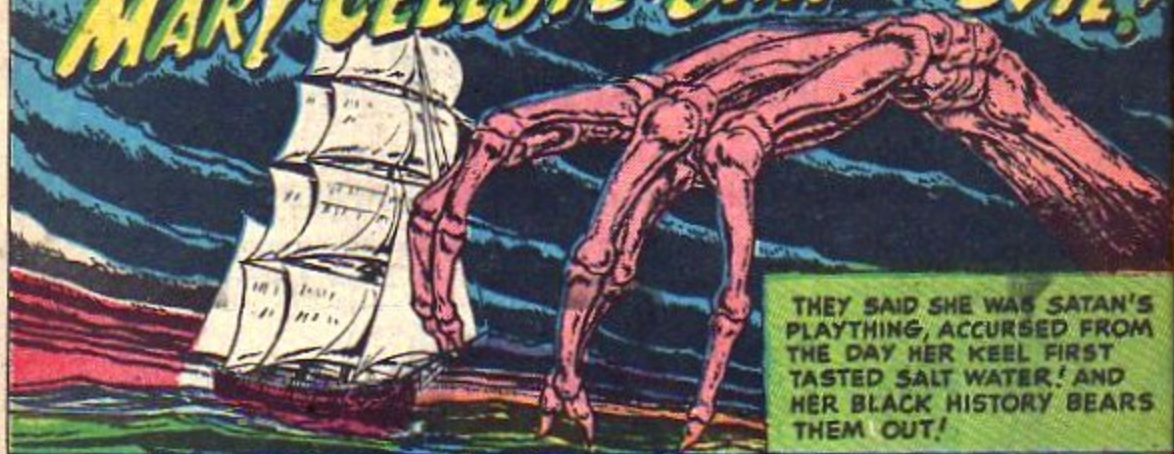
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BLACK MAGIC

The MARY CELESTE: SHIP OF EVIL!



THEY SAID SHE WAS SATAN'S PLAYTHING, ACCURSED FROM THE DAY HER KEEL FIRST TASTED SALT WATER! AND HER BLACK HISTORY BEARS THEM OUT!

SHE WAS FOUND OFF THE COAST OF PORTUGAL ON DEC. 4, 1872 / A BRIG WITH ALL SAILS SET, HOLDING A STEADY COURSE... AND YET THERE WAS NO HELMSMAN AT THE WHEEL!

WHAT DID YOU FIND?

CAPTAIN DEVEAU... IT... IT'S INSANE! HER LOG SHOWS SHE CARRIED A CAPTAIN BRIGGS, HIS WIFE AND NINE SEAMEN! BUT THEY'RE GONE, AS IF THE DEVIL HIMSELF HAD SNATCHED THEM!



ELEVEN SOULS... GONE! AND A SHIP THAT SAILED HERSELF! BUT THAT WAS ONLY PART OF THE TA... BACK IN ENGLAND, WEEKS LATER, THE QUEEN'S PROCTOR HELD INQUIRY...

I TELL YOU, SIR, THE MARY CELESTE IS AN EVIL VESSEL! I KNOW! I BUILT HER! TWO OF HER CAPTAINS ARE DEAD! TWICE SHE'S STRUCK SHOALS! SHE'S A DEVIL SHIP!

• RIDICULOUS! THIS THE NINETEENTH CENTURY, SIR! THE CREW OF THE MARY CELESTE HAS VANISHED! BUT AN EXPLANATION EXISTS! AND WE SHALL FIND IT!



BUT THE EXPLANATION WAS NEVER FOUND! NOR WAS THIS THE END! THE MARY CELESTE WAS TO SAIL AGAIN!... OFF MONTEVIDEO...

OUR DECK LOADED GONE, RIGGING FOULED... AND ALL BECAUSE OF A STORM! A DINGHY COULD HAVE RIDDEN OUT! BAH! SHE'S ROTTEN TO THE HEART!



THE PORT OF ST. HELENA...

INCREDIBLE! YOUR CAPTAIN WAS ILL, YES! BUT TO DIE SO QUICKLY!

THIS IS THE BRIG MARY CELESTE, DOCTOR! WHY WOULD HE NOT DIE SO QUICKLY?



MEN SAILED HER... AND DIED! MEN BOUGHT HER AND WENT BANKRUPT! DEATH AND DESTRUCTION RODE HER WAKE! AND AT PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI, ON JAN. 3, 1885...

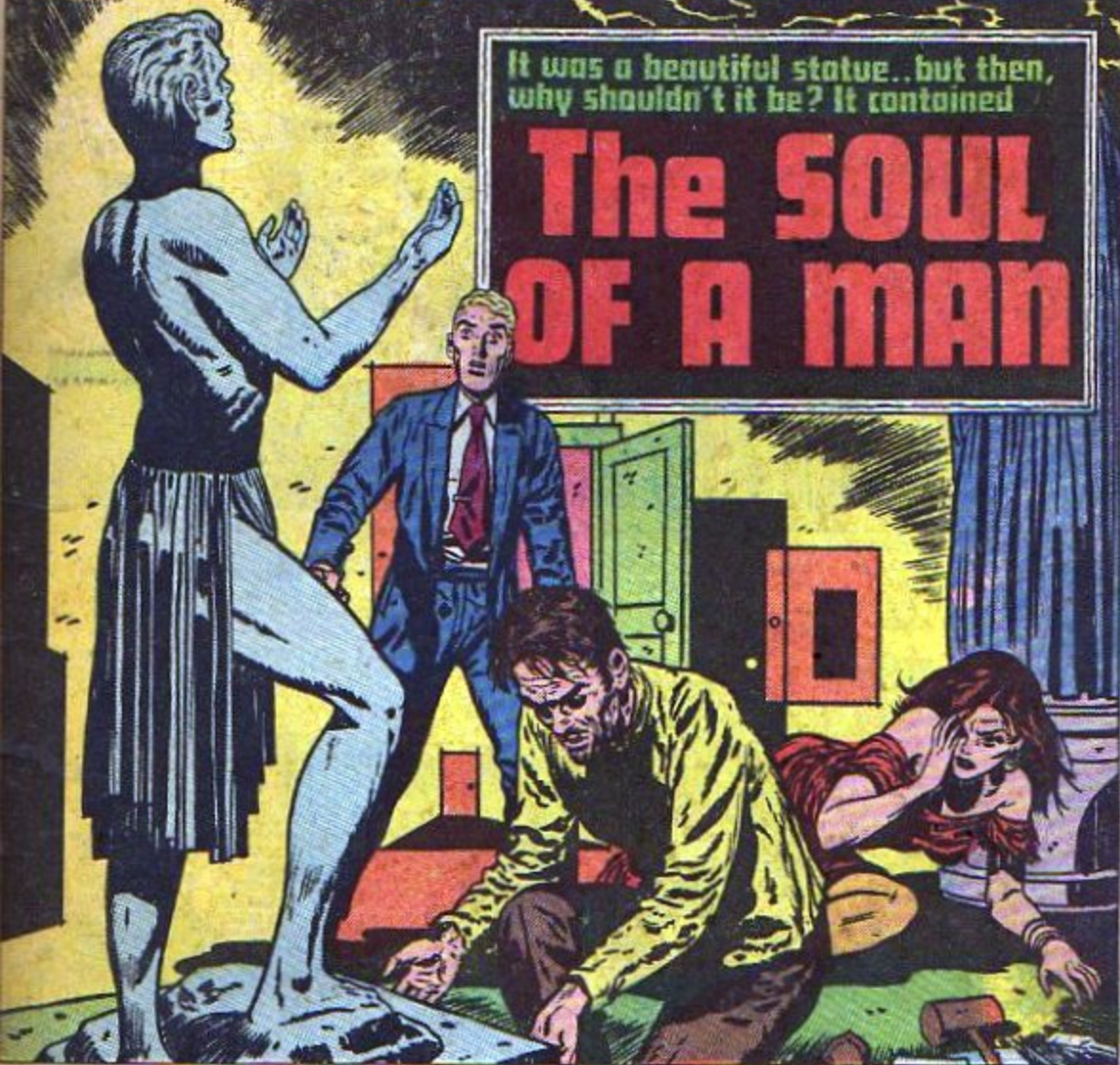


SO DIED THE MARY CELESTE, THOUGH HER SKIPPER LIVED... TO BE TRIED FOR SINKING HER FOR HER INSURANCE! BUT THE MYSTERY REMAINS! WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CREW OF THE ACCURSED BRIG WHO CAN SAY THE LOG OF THE DEVIL SHIP IS CLOSED!

BLACK MAGIC

It was a beautiful statue..but then,
why shouldn't it be? It contained

The SOUL OF A MAN



WALTER PETTIBONE, ONE OF THE FOREMOST ART
DEALERS OF OUR DAY, WAS FIRST TO STUMBLE
UPON THE EXISTENCE OF THIS AMAZING CRAFTSMAN!

I TELL YOU, PETER, THE
MAN IS THE PEER OF
MICHELANGELO, IF
NOT **SUPERIOR!**

COME ON, NOW, WALTER!
THAT'S A PRETTY STRONG
STATEMENT-- ESPECIALLY
COMING FROM A
MAN OF YOUR
REPUTATION!



THAT ALONE SHOULD CONVINCE
YOU! BUT, COME WITH ME, YOU
MAY DOUBT WHAT YOU
HEAR-- NEVER, WHAT YOU
SEE!



BLACK MAGIC

SEE HERE, COOPER! I'VE TAKEN JUST ABOUT ENOUGH OF YOUR...

THERE'S THE DOOR, MISTER MANSFIELD! I DIDN'T INVITE YOU UP HERE!



WHY, YOU ARRO—

PLEASE, MISTER MANSFIELD! HARRY IS ALWAYS A LITTLE HIGH-STRUNG WHEN HE'S BEEN WORKING HARD! WHY DON'T YOU DROP BACK SOME OTHER TIME...



"I HAD COOLED DOWN SOMEWHAT BY THE TIME I REACHED PETTIBONE'S SHOP..."

I TELL YOU, WALTER, YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE HOW THOROUGHLY EVIL THIS COOPER IS! IT MAKES YOU WONDER HOW ONE SO UGLY INSIDE CAN TURN OUT SUCH BEAUTY!

SOUNDS LIKE HE MIGHT BE TOUGH TO DEAL WITH! BUT, THE GIRL... WE MIGHT MANAGE IT WITH THE GIRL...



THAT'S ANOTHER THING THAT BOTHERS ME! SHE EVIDENTLY ADORES THE GUY... AND YET, I COULDN'T PICTURE A MAN WITH LESS APPEAL TO A WOMAN! IT DOESN'T ADD UP, WALTER! IT DOESN'T ADD UP!



"SOMETHING WAS FISHY ABOUT THE SETUP! I COULDN'T FIGURE IT OUT, BUT I KNEW, AS SURE AS I WAS BORN, THERE WAS MORE TO THIS THAN MET THE EYE! WHEN I GOT TO MY HOTEL ROOM THAT NIGHT, THERE WAS A MESSAGE FOR ME... A MESSAGE THAT MORE THAN EVER CONVINCED ME THAT MY HUNCH WAS RIGHT!



"A CAB TOOK ME ACROSS TOWN IN FIFTEEN MINUTES! WHEN I GOT TO THE THIRD FLOOR, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I EXPECTED TO SEE, BUT IT CERTAINLY WASN'T THE SIGHT THAT MET MY EYES!

GOOD GRAY! WH-WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

COME INSIDE... QUICKLY! AND, DON'T BOTHER ABOUT ME! I HAD AN... ACCIDENT! I FELL DOWN THE STAIRS!



BLACK MAGIC

"I FOLLOWED PETTIBONE INTO HIS OFFICE. HALF-SMILING, BUT THE SMILE WAS SOON TO DISAPPEAR. FOR THERE ON HIS DESK WAS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WORK OF ART I'D EVER SEEN IN MY FIFTEEN YEARS AS A PROFESSIONAL CRITIC."

GREAT SCOTT! YOU WERE RIGHT, WALTER. IT'S A MASTERPIECE! IT RANKS WITH THE GREATEST WORKS EVER DONE!

IT OUTDOES THEM! AND SOMEHOW I FEEL THAT THERE'S AN EVIL QUALITY ABOUT IT! I DON'T KNOW WHY IT SHOULD STRIKE ME THAT WAY!

EVIL OR NOT, SUCH DRAMATIC INTENSITY OF LINE HASN'T BEEN SEEN FOR CENTURIES! WHO ON EARTH IS THE SCULPTOR, WALTER?

THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO FIND OUT! I'LL GIVE YOU HIS ADDRESS! INTERVIEW HIM! SEE WHAT ELSE HE'S DONE! WHAT HE IS DOING NOW! I WANT TO KNOW ALL ABOUT HIM!



BUT, REMEMBER... DON'T BREATHE A WORD OF THIS TO ANYONE! PLAY ALONG WITH ME, MANSFIELD! YOU KNOW I CAN BE MOST GENEROUS!

WALTER, YOU'RE A SHREWD OPERATOR! IT'S A DEAL! I'LL LOOK UP THIS GENIUS RIGHT NOW!

THE ADDRESS TURNED OUT TO BE A COLD-WATER FIRETRAP ON THE WEST SIDE OF TOWN, THE HUMBLE CRADLE OF GREATNESS! I SPOKE TO THE LANDLADY... A WRY, OLD HARRIDAN!

HARRY COOPER? YEAH... HE LIVES HERE! HIS STUDIO'S ON THE TOP FLOOR! YOU CAN'T BE A FRIEND OF HIS... HE HATES EVERYBODY!

REALLY? I UNDERSTAND HE DOES SOME FINE WORK!



SAY! ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BUYING THOSE STATUES HE MAKES? LISTEN, IF THAT CRACKPOT DOES SELL YOU ONE... LET ME KNOW, WILL YA? HE OWES ME TWO MONTHS RENT!

I SEE...



"IT WAS THE TYPICAL STARVING ARTIST SITUATION! BUT, IF THIS HARRY COOPER WAS THE TALENT I THOUGHT HE WAS... HE WOULDN'T BE HUNGRY FOR LONG! I CLIMBED THE OLD, NEGLECTED STAIRS AND KNOCKED ON COOPER'S DOOR...

WHATEVER, YOU'RE SELLING, WE DON'T WANT ANY! NOW BEAT IT! BEFORE I THROW YOU DOWN THE STAIRS...

YOU GOT IT WRONG, PAL! I'M BUYING, NOT SELLING!



BLACK MAGIC

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOTICED YOUR WORK! I'M REPRESENTING THEM! I'M ALSO AN ART CRITIC IN MY OWN RIGHT!

SO YOU'RE AN ART CRITIC, EH? WHAT AM I SUPPOSE TO DO, **BOW?**



LOOK, MANSFIELD! I RECOGNIZED YOU WHEN YOU FIRST CAME UP! AND I STILL **DON'T** WANT ANY PART OF YOU! YOU GUYS ARE NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF LEECHES TRYING TO...

HARRY! PLEASE!



HE ONLY WANTS TO HELP US... AND... GOODNESS KNOWS WE **NEED** HELP!

THE GIRL IS **RIGHT**, COOPER! GET RID OF THE CHIP ON YOUR SHOULDER! I MAY BE INSTRUMENTAL IN MAKING YOU **FAMOUS!**



HE LOOKED AT ME FOR A MOMENT! AND THEN, WITHOUT SHOWING ANY SIGN OF EMOTION ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, HE STARTED TO WALK AWAY!

ALL RIGHT, HE CAN COME IN! BUT HE CAN'T STAY LONG! I'VE GOT WORK TO DO!



FROM THE MOMENT I STEPPED INSIDE THE STUDIO I REALIZED THAT THE WORK WALTER PEITIBONE HAD BOUGHT WAS ONLY A MINOR EFFORT. FOR STREWN CAND, I USE THAT WORD ADVISEDLY, AROUND THE ROOM WAS THE **GREATEST TREASURE OF ART WORK I HAD SEEN IN C-IE PLACE IN MY LIFE!**

GREAT SCOTT! I WONDER IF THIS MAN REALIZES THE **VALUE** OF HIS WORK...OR, THE EXTENT OF HIS **GENIUS?**

DO YOU LIKE THEM, MR. MANSFIELD?



IT'S BREATHTAKING! **ABSOLUTELY BREATHTAKING!**

YOU SO-CALLED EXPERTS ARE NOTHING BUT A LOT OF **FLEAS..** CRAWLING OVER THE WORK OF **OTHER FLEAS!** HOW CAN YOU ESTIMATE THE REAL VALUE OF MY WORK?



BLACK MAGIC

ROSITA
FELL
DOWN
THE STAIRS,
THEY
MUST
HAVE
HAD
FISTS!
I'VE
COVERED
MANY A
STREET
BRAWL IN
MY
CAREER
AS A
NEWSPAPER-
MAN,
AND I
KNEW
KNUCKLE
MARKS
WHEN
I SEE
THEM...

THIS AFTERNOON YOU SAID
YOU WERE SENT HERE BY
WALTER PETTIBONE! ARE
YOU COMMISSIONED TO
BUY ANY OF HARRY'S
WORK FOR HIM?

WHAT
IS THIS
ALL
ABOUT,
ROSITA?



PLEASE, MR.
MANSFIELD! WE
HAVEN'T MUCH
TIME! I **DON'T**
WANT THE MONEY
FOR MYSELF!
IT'S FOR HARRY!
HE...HE'S...

LOOK, HONEY, WHY, DON'T
YOU BREAK DOWN AND
GIVE ME THE WHOLE
STORY ON THIS NUT!
MAYBE, I CAN HELP
YOU!



IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK, MR. MANSFIELD!
HARRY IS A GOOD MAN... UNTIL A YEAR
AGO, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE WANTED
TO SEE A FINER, GENTLER SOUL!
I WAS IN LOVE WITH HIM... FOR,
TO ME, HE REPRESENTED EVERY-
THING IN THE WORLD THAT
WAS CLEAN AND
GOOD!



AND THEN, SOMETHING
HAPPENED TO HIM!

ANOTHER
WOMAN?



IF IT WAS THAT I WOULDN'T BE
HERE TODAY, I COULDN'T STAND
IN THE WAY OF HIS HAPPINESS...
EVEN IF IT MEANT GIVING HIM
UP! NO, IT WASN'T ANOTHER
WOMAN, MR. MANSFIELD! IT
WAS SOMETHING ELSE...
SOMETHING WHICH I CANNOT
EXPLAIN...



ONE DAY, JUST ABOUT A YEAR
AGO, HE LOCKED HIMSELF IN
THAT ROOM YOU SEE OVER
THERE! **FOR DAYS HE DIDN'T
COME OUT!** HE SEEMED TO
BE WORKING FURIOUSLY,
COMPLETELY ABSORBED
BY WHAT HE WAS DOING!
I TRIED IN VAIN TO GET
HIM TO OPEN THE
DOOR! BUT, IT
WAS NO USE...



FINALLY, ONE DAY, THE DOOR
OPENED AND THE FIGURE OF
A MAN EMERGED FROM THAT
ROOM WHO LOOKED LIKE
HARRY! BUT A CHANGED
HARRY! **EVIL! UNCOUTH
AND BEASTLY!** LIKE MR.
HYDE HAVING DONE
AWAY WITH DOCTOR
JEKYLL!



BLACK

MAGIC

ARE YOU CERTAIN
THERE WAS NO ONE
ELSE IN THAT ROOM
WITH HIM?

I DON'T KNOW, HE'S
FORBIDDEN ME EVER
TO ENTER IT!



WELL HE HASN'T
FORBIDDEN ME!

NO! YOU MUSTN'T GO
THERE! YOU DON'T KNOW
WHAT HARRY'S LIKE WHEN
HIS ANGER IS AROUSED!



I'M ONLY TRYING
TO GET TO THE BOTTOM
OF THIS, ROSITA!

GO INTO THAT ROOM...
AND YOU'LL WISH
YOU'D NEVER BEEN
BORN, MANSFIELD!



HARRY!

I'LL FINISH THE JOB I STARTED
ON YOU AS SOON AS I'M...
THROUGH WITH MANSFIELD!



I'M WARNING YOU,
COOPER! IF YOU STRIKE
THIS GIRL AGAIN...

PLEASE, MISTER MANSFIELD!
YOU MUST GO! I... I'M
SORRY I CALLED YOU...



THE PLEADING LOOK IN THE GIRL'S EYES, SOMEONE
TOLD ME THAT I'D BE HURTING HER MORE BY
STAYING! BUT, EVEN, AS I TURNED TO THE DOOR
I KNEW I WAS DOING THE WRONG THING!

IF YOU NEED ME, ROSITA...
WELL... YOU KNOW WHERE
YOU CAN FIND ME!



BLACK MAGIC

I QUICKLY REGRETTED LEAVING HER ALONE WITH COOPER/NO SOONER HAD I EMERGED FROM THE SHABBY TENEMENT, WHEN ROSITA'S SCREAMS SHATTERED THE SILENCE OF NIGHT!



THE OLD WOOD IN THE DOOR WAS BREAK AND IT YIELDED TO MY SHOULDER, EASILY! I RUSHED INTO THE FORBIDDEN ROOM AND FROZE MY TRACKS! HARRY WAS THERE AND BESIDE HIM WAS A WORK OF ART WHICH WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO DESCRIBE FOR ITS SHEER BEAUTY!

CAN THAT BE THE WORK OF HUMAN HANDS? IT...IT'S EFFECT IS ALMOST UNEARTHLY! IS THAT REALLY YOUR WORK, HARRY?



IN A MATTER OF SECONDS, I WAS BACK UP THE STAIRS, AND AS I OPENED THE DOOR TO COOPER'S STUDIO...



IT WAS A STATUE OF COOPER HIMSELF! THE MOST MAGNIFICENT PIECE OF SCULPTURE I HAD EVER SEEN! I READ THE TITLE... "SOUL OF A MAN!" AND, FOR THE FIRST TIME, I BEGAN TO UNDERSTAND!

NOT EXACTLY, MANSFIELD! I HAD HELP! HIGH PRICED HELP! BUT, IT WAS WELL WORTH IT! STAGGERING ISN'T IT! K-KEEP AWAY! DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!



DON'T GO IN THERE, HARRY'S GONE COMPLETELY MAD... HE'LL...

I'VE GOT A SURE CURE FOR IT! HE'S GOT THIS COMING TO HIM!



COOPER'S EYES BLAZED LIKE TWO, WHITE, HOT COALS! HE WAS NO LONGER HUMAN! HOW COULD HE BE? HE DIDN'T HAVE A SOUL! IT HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM HIM AND TRANS-PLANTED IN THE STATUE!

SO YOU'RE NOT A GENIUS AFTER ALL, ARE YOU, HARRY? YOU'RE MERELY THE TOOL OF AN EVIL POWER!



BLACK MAGIC



DON'T SAY THAT!
YOU DON'T KNOW
HOW I'VE
SUFFERED...

ROSITA! WHAT
HAVE I DONE?
WHAT HAVE
I DONE?

IT'S TOO LATE, COOPER!
SHE'S DEAD!



AT FIRST
COOPER
DIDN'T
SEEM TO
COMPREHEND
WHAT HAD
HAPPENED!
BUT THEN,
AS THE
REALIZATION
CAME TO
HIM, HE
ROSE TO
HIS FEET,
AND WITH
THE FRENZY
OF A
THOUSAND
DEMONS,
BEGAN TO
RUN FROM
STATUE TO
STATUE...
SMASHING
THEM TO
PIECES!

I'M CURSED! CURSED! I TRADED
MY SOUL! THERE'S A PIECE OF
IT IN EVERY ONE OF THESE
BLASTED STATUES!



"I COULDN'T BEAR TO SEE THESE PRICELESS
WORKS BEING SACRIFICED TO A GUILTY CONSCIENCE
NO MATTER WHAT. THE MAN WAS, HIS WORK BE
LONGED TO THE WORLD! IN AN INSTANT, I WAS
AT HIS SIDE! BUT I WAS TOO LATE! THE ENTIRE
STUDIO WAS IN A SHAMBLES!"

STOP, COOPER! YOU
DON'T KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE DOING!

YES, I DO! I'M
DESTROYING MYSELF
PIECE BY PIECE! I
HAVE TO! I'M NOT
COMPLETELY EVIL! I
STILL LOVE ROSITA...
AND, I MUST PAY
FOR HER DEATH!



HERE IT IS, MISTER MANSFIELD!
WHAT REMAINS OF MY SOUL
IS IN THIS STONE! AND NOW
IT MUST GO...



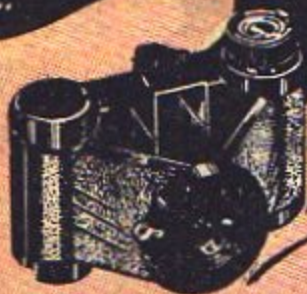
...TO... THE...
DEVIL!

COOPER!



"HARRY COOPER DROPPED LIKE
THE STONE HE SMASHED TO THE
FLOOR! HE'D GIVEN HIS SOUL
FOR HIS ART! BUT NOT
COMPLETELY! PART OF IT WAS
NOT FOR HARRY TO GIVE! HIS
LOVE FOR ROSITA! THE
DEVIL HAD NO CLAIM ON IT! I
LEFT THINKING OF WHAT I
COULD SAY TO PETTIBONE..."

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THE BOY WHO WAS 2000 YEARS OLD



HIS YOUNG, WASTED BODY TWISTED AND LEAPED BENEATH THE BLANKETS TO THE RISE AND FALL OF AN INVISIBLE LASH! AND, EYE WITNESSES WERE TO SEE MANY OTHER SIGNS OF TRUTH IN THIS MOST ASTOUNDING CASE HISTORY OF A BOY WHO INSISTED HE WAS A GALLEY SLAVE IN A NAVY WHICH HAD PASSED INTO HISTORY. WHETHER YOU BELIEVE THEM OR NOT, THESE ARE THE FACTS AS THEY HAPPENED.

BLACK MAGIC

HAD IT HAPPENED TO A GROWN MAN THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN TRICKERY INVOLVED! THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A LOGICAL EXPLANATION! BUT IT HAPPENED TO **ANDY LOOMIS**! A TEN YEAR OLD BOY!

WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT THE BOY, DOCTOR! HE JUST WOKE UP THIS WAY... MUMBLING WORDS WE CAN'T UNDERSTAND!

ANDY HAS PNEUMONIA, MRS. LOOMIS! DELIRIUM IS TO BE EXPECTED! BUT WHAT HE'S SAYING MAKES SENSE... IF YOU KNOW **LATIN**!

LATIN? THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! ANDY'S STILL IN PUBLIC SCHOOL!

THAT'S STRANGE! HE SPEAKS **LATIN** WITH AMAZING FLUENCY! HE'S SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT **SHIPS AND GALLEY SLAVES...** AND THAT HIS NAME IS **SILANUS**!

FRANKLY, SIR! ALL WE CAN DO RIGHT NOW IS WAIT FOR THE CRISIS TO DEVELOP! HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE TO BRING A COLLEAGUE HERE TO LOOK AT THE BOY! **PROFESSOR HENNING** OF THE UNIVERSITY!

BUT WHAT CAN WE DO FOR ANDY?



NOTHING, PROFESSOR HENNING IS A STUDENT OF ANCIENT LANGUAGES! I KNOW IT SEEMS ODD, BUT I'D LIKE HIM TO HEAR WHAT ANDY IS SAYING! MY **LATIN** IS RATHER LIMITED TO PRESCRIPTIONS AND THE LIKE!

EVEN THEN, THE DOCTOR MUST HAVE HAD AN INKLING OF THE TRUE NATURE OF THE PHENOMENON WHICH WAS TAKING PLACE! IN THE END, HE WON THE BOY'S PARENTS OVER!

WELL, PROFESSOR?

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HE JUST DESCRIBED THE DOCKS OF **ROME**. **ROME AS IT WAS TWENTY CENTURIES AGO!** AS IF HE HAD SEEN THE DOCKS WITH HIS OWN EYES!

HE SAYS HIS NAME IS **SILANUS**, AND THAT HE IS A SLAVE ABOARD THE IMPERIAL GALLEY OF THE EMPEROR **THEIRUS CLAUDIUS**! I'D HEARD ABOUT SUCH CASES BEFORE, BUT...

SO HAVE I! MANY PEOPLE IMAGINE THAT THEY HAVE LIVED BEFORE, BUT THEY DON'T ASSUME THE MIND AND MEMORY OF THAT SOMEONE ELSE, DOWN TO THE LAST DETAIL!



BLACK MAGIC

PLEASE, WE DON'T UNDERSTAND ALL THIS! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

WE'RE SAYING THAT THIS BOY IS YOUR SON, BUT HE IS ALSO SILANUS, A ROMAN GALLEY SLAVE WHO DIED TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO!

YOU--YOU'RE INSANE! HE'S JUST A BOY! HE PROBABLY READ ABOUT THIS SILANUS SOMEWHERE AND--



THAT MAY BE, YET, HOW CAN YOU ACCOUNT FOR HIS MASTERY OF LATIN? NO, MY FRIEND, THIS CAN'T BE EASILY EXPLAINED.



FOR HOURS, THE FEVER RACKED BOY RAVED ON! HE DESCRIBED THE RIVER TIBER AS HE HAD KNOWN IT, THE EMPEROR CLAUDIUS! THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF A LONG-DEAD CIVILIZATION. THEN, SUDDENLY--



GREAT SCOTT!

HE TRIED TO STRANGLE YOU! HIS FINGERS WERE LIKE STEEL. IT WAS DIFFICULT TO BREAK HIS HOLD!

OCCIDE -- WAS THE LATIN WORD FOR "KILL!" THE BOY SAID HE HATED ME! THAT I WAS LUCIUS-- THE SLAVE MASTER OF THE EMPEROR'S GALLEY!



AND NOW-- HE THINKS HE'S KILLED ME. HE KNOWS THAT HE'LL BE BOUND TO THE MAST AND WHIPPED TO DEATH, BUT HE DOESN'T CARE! HE WANTS HIS LIFE OF MISERY TO COME TO AN END--

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MY BOY! LEAVE HIM ALONE! YOU'RE NOT HELPING HIM!



YOU MUSTN'T BE FRIGHTENED BY ALL THIS, MISTER LOOMIS. THIS PROFESSOR ISN'T HURTING THE BOY-- ONLY LISTENING TO HIM. PLEASE BEAR WITH US--

NO! WE WANT NO PART OF YOUR MUMBO JUMBO! GET OUT!



BLACK MAGIC



LISTEN! SUNRISE! SILANUS IS TO BE WHIPPED TO DEATH AT SUNRISE...

BLAST YOU! I SAID GET OUT!

I... I THINK WE HAD BETTER GO PROFESSOR!

IT'S THE MOST AMAZING THING I'VE EVER WITNESSED, DOCTOR! IF THOSE PEOPLE WOULD ONLY LET US REMAIN...

PNEUMONIA IS A SERIOUS ILLNESS! THE BOYS CRUCIAL MOMENT SHOULD COME AT SUNRISE! IT'S STRANGE THAT THIS SILANUS HE SPEAKS ABOUT SHOULD MEET HIS FATE AT THE SAME TIME!



LEO HUNT WAS A DOCTOR. HIS FIRST CONCERN WAS FOR HIS PATIENT! EVEN THOUGH HE HAD BEEN DRIVEN OUT, HE RETURNED TO THE HOUSE AT SUNRISE!

OH! DOCTOR HUNT! ANDY'S FEVER BROKE AND HE'S SITTING UP! HE MUST BE GETTING WELL AGAIN!



IN THEIR HAPPINESS THE LOOMIS' HAD FORGOTTEN THEIR UNFOUNDED RESENTMENT OF THE DOCTOR...

HE TWISTED AND TURNED IN AGONY ALL NIGHT! THEN HE WENT LIMP! WE THOUGHT HE WAS... BUT SUDDENLY HE OPENED HIS EYES... ANDY KNEW US...

NORMAL! HIS TEMPERATURE HAS RETURNED TO NORMAL!

MY BACK... IT... IT HURTS!



DOCTOR! HOW DID ANDY GET THOSE HORRIBLE MARKS ON HIS BACK? WHAT ARE THEY?

W-WHY... THEY LOOK LIKE WELTS! THE SLASH MARKS THAT COULD ONLY BE LEFT BY A WHIP! BUT, THEY... THEY'RE BENEATH THE SKIN... AND FADING FAST...



ANDY... LISTEN, LAD... DO YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT BEING WHIPPED ON THE DECK OF A GALLEY...

A GALLEY? WHAT'S A GALLEY, DOCTOR?



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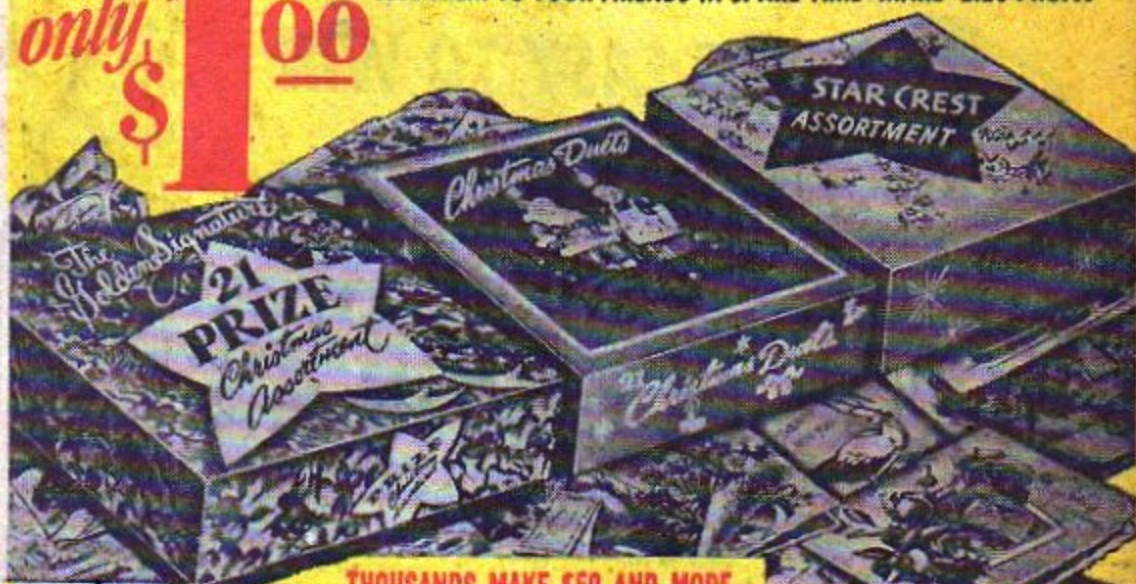
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